

Minutes Recreation Committee
March 10, 2014

- I. Attendees: Michele Langley, Bob Illingworth, Bruce Wright, Heidi Passalacqua, Linda Thurston (from Senior Center), Ken Goslant (from Select board). Absent: Sally Davidson, Scott Amell, Jason Miles/Angie Allen
- II. Review of minutes of Feb 10 minutes meeting.
- III. Discussion of Winter Carnival after action. Linda reported that the Senior Center felt that their event went well and overall they were pleased. There were 12 entries. People did not come for the dinner which they felt probably was related to various things possibly in the wording of the advertising. Many of the folks who came just did the tasting. Overall they would do again. Bruce had four people come to slide/want to have a snow mobile ride but the snow was too deep for even the snow mobile to make a path. The folks slid down and moved on. Bruce did not bring his snowmobile. Bob had a couple folks at the park show up and he forged a path with his snow shoes for one woman to cross country ski around. He reported there were pictures of them in the Times Argus. The Library had 14 adults and 28 children come to their reading of The Mitten and craft making. Skating was the big outdoor hit. It has been well attended not just Saturday but has been seen with kids on it other days.
- IV. The snow sculptures from the common did not happen as we had thought it would. The snow did not pack, and even though there was plenty of opportunity for the students no snow sculptures got done on the common. The sixth grade came up with some form of sculpture that we only saw by picture on the Northfield news so they will get the prize of the ice cream and pizza when Scott gets better. Scott also needs to collect one more ballot box from Depot pizzeria and he will make sure the school knows. He will coordinate with Michele and then let Bill Croney know. Other comments about the winter carnival were just in terms of the notices didn't go out because of the weather. The school was supposed to send out with the elementary kids but they didn't have school so in future we would do differently in terms of sending notices earlier. We would also plan events around area closer like sledding and snowshoeing like at Paine Mtn. In addition we would like to do a

fundraiser like volleyball, soccer around the winter carnival and this could be indoor or outdoor and wouldn't be affected by the weather. We would also do the snow sculptures advertising that those that wanted to do them contact a person similar to chili cook-off and a number of judges would judge (or if there was a sponsor the sponsors would pick judges) and then the sculpture people would have so many hours to do and then the opportunity would be closed. Still to do is the voting for the coloring contest that we need to wait for Scott to collect the ballots for. We got some great coverage from The World, The Northfield News and The Times Argus and we all felt that we can build on it. Michele mentioned she has gotten paid from the funds donated from NSB for the flyers .

- V. New business: spring events little league tournament for June 7th for Bruce; discussion regarding the Pecora field "setting" of the sign around an event and fundraiser. Ken mentioned Eric Moore from Star program came to Selectboard and discussed a project he wanted to do community service wise and a suggestion was made regarding the Falls. Committee discussed the Norwich Students project and disbursed what the students had done thus far in regards to plans, instead of having duplication. Heidi will make copies with the Feb minutes and make available to Selectboard as well as for posting. She will brief Rob Lewis in regards to where students are at this point with idea that the students could brief not only Recreation Committee but Selectboard. Ken had some questions regarding the drawings and Michele and Bruce made suggestions Committee could do site visit to "walk the lines" in future but that the students were nearing the end of their project. Also discussed closing off street near Senior center for street dance, street games for BBQ and fundraising during coming months as well. A possible date was for Memorial Day weekend. One priority is for sign setting, the other would be for little league/Cal Ripken tournament with the few committee members. Bruce and Linda discussed having an event at Senior Center maybe regarding signing up for spring events but Bruce mentioned that coming up at Olympia sports Thurs. 3/13 there was already a sign up most certainly to get kids to buy their equipment deals.

- VI. Next meeting: April